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The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch—the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

Then the world burns to white. Reality as we knew it is gone...

...to be replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions, and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

# HOUSE OF M

During the dark days of the early 1940s, a covert military experiment turned a young and frail Steve Rogers into America's first Super-Soldier, CAPTAIN AMERICA.

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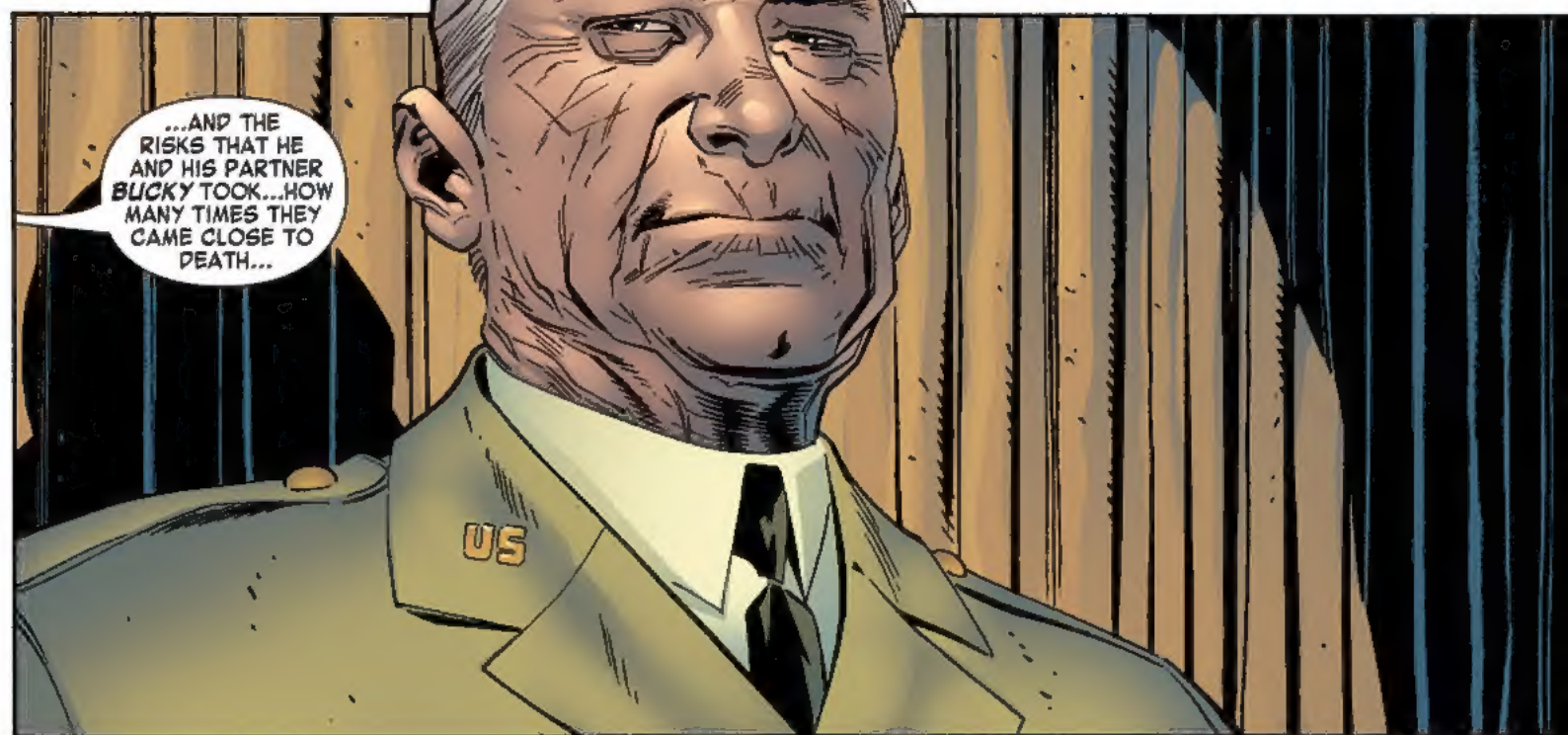
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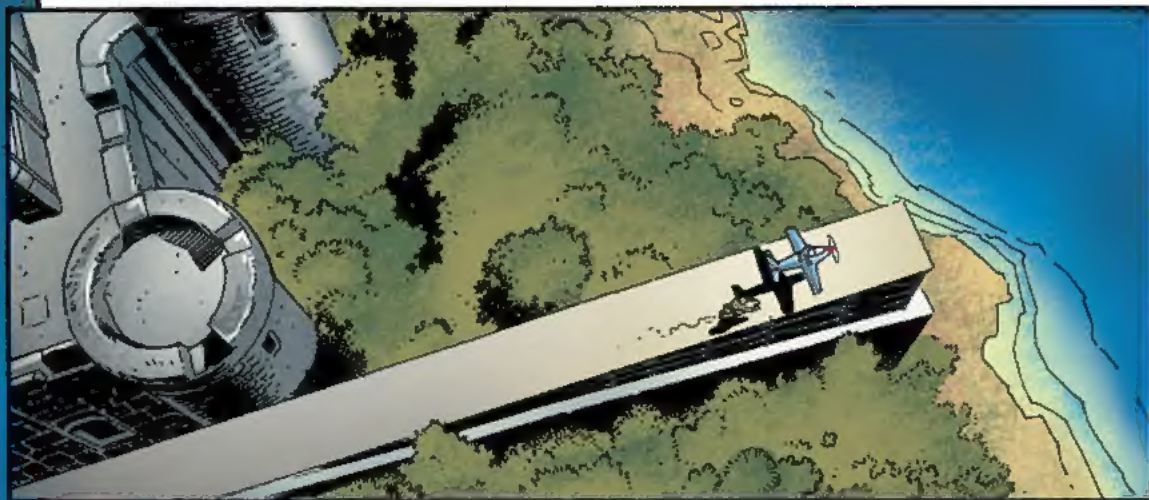
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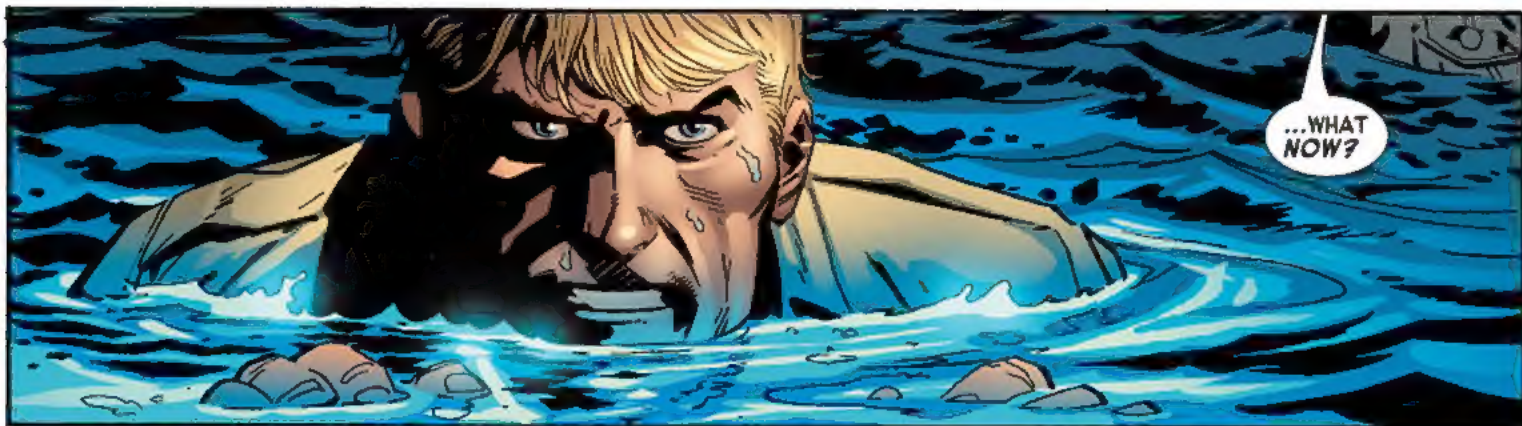
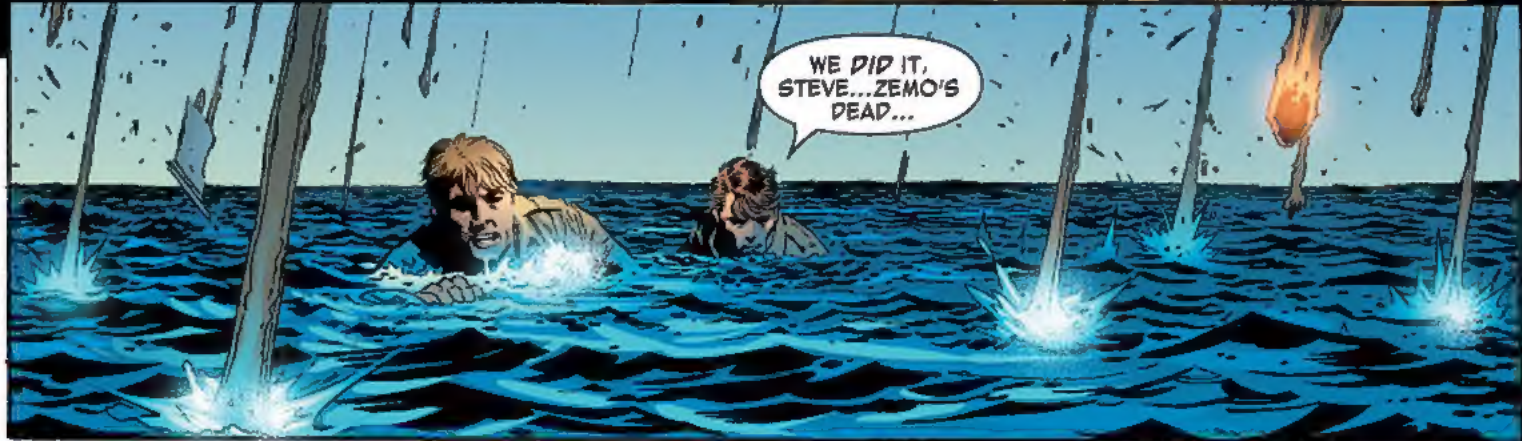
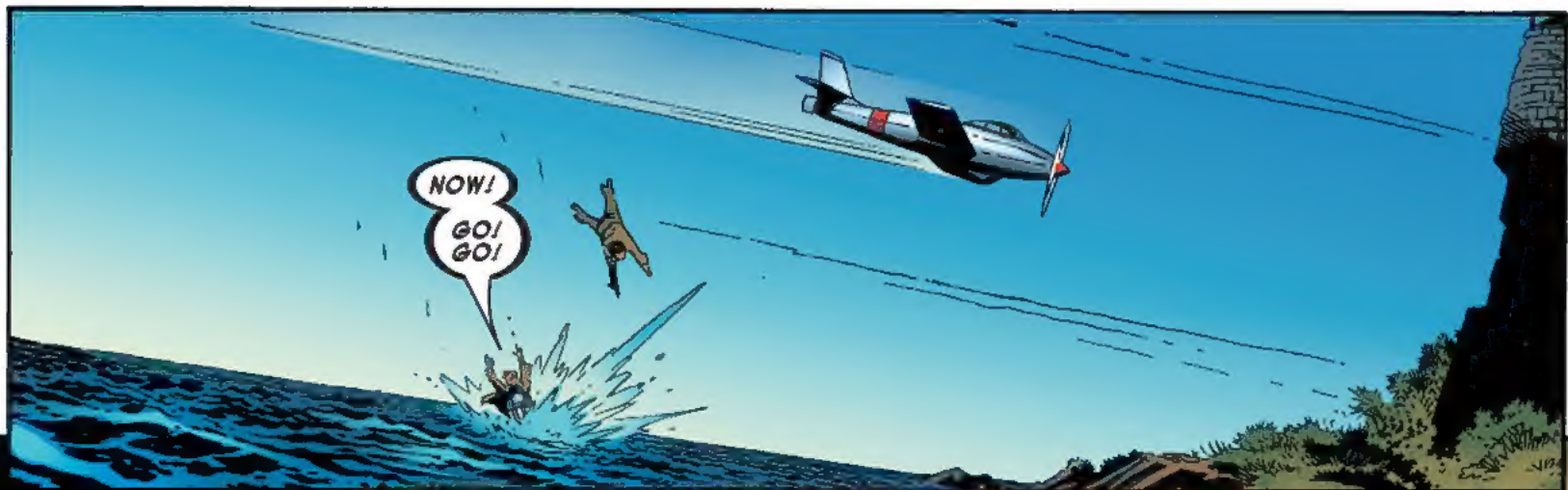
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Channel—  
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**Berlin, Germany—  
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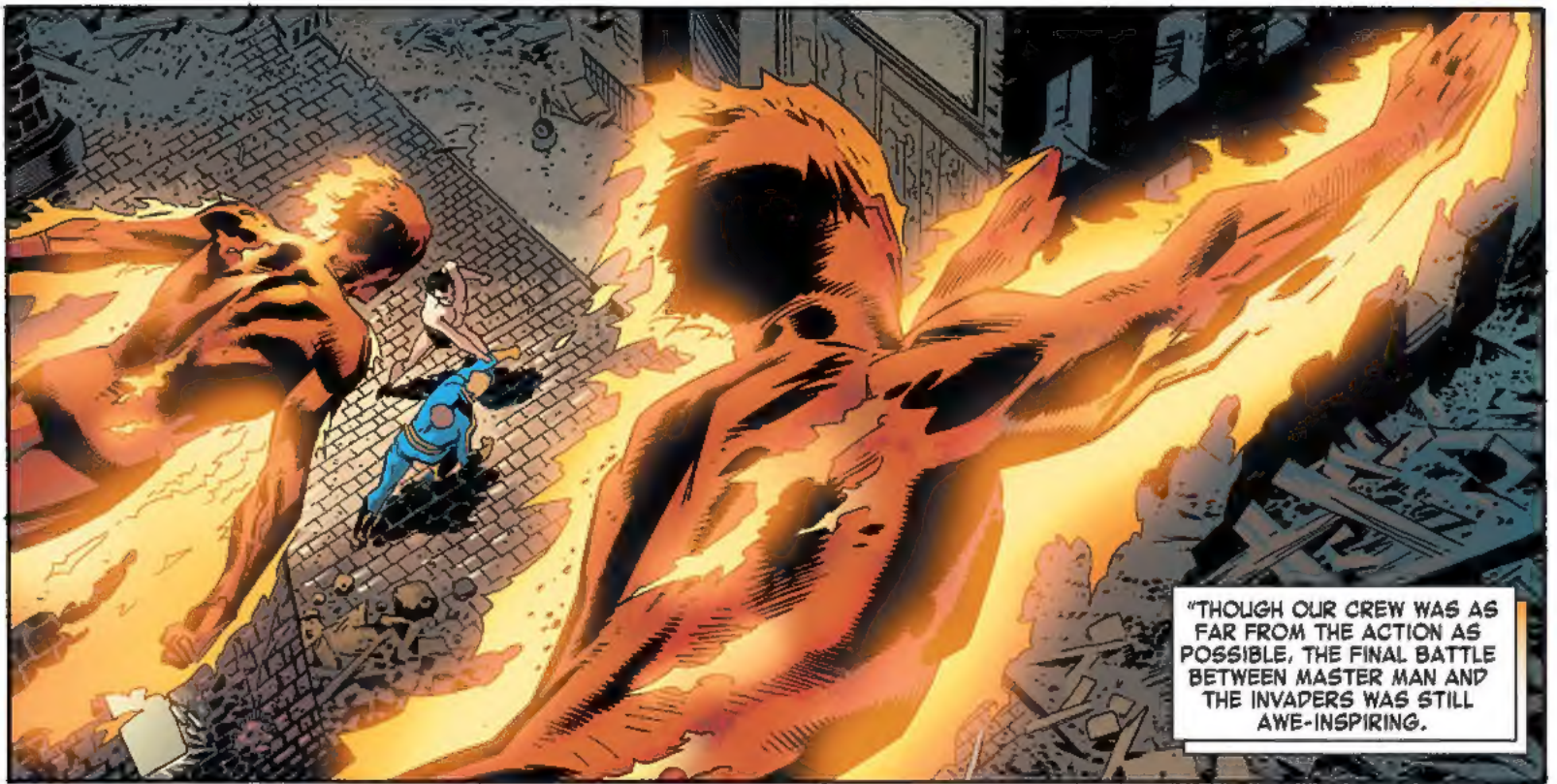
--IS EDWARD R. MURROW, BROADCASTING LIVE FROM THE FALL OF BERLIN, AND THIS REPORTER, FOR ONE, WILL NEVER FORGET THE THINGS WE SAW IN THIS CITY OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS...



"...WHEN CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE INVADERS LED ALLIED TROOPS TO VICTORY OVER THE LAST NAZI REGIMENTS HOLDING THE CITY.







"THOUGH OUR CREW WAS AS FAR FROM THE ACTION AS POSSIBLE, THE FINAL BATTLE BETWEEN MASTER MAN AND THE INVADERS WAS STILL AWE-INSPIRING."



"THE BLOWS THESE SUPERHUMANS STRUCK SHOOK THE VERY GROUND UNDER OUR FEET..."



"...AND EVEN HALF A BLOCK AWAY, THE HEAT FROM THE HUMAN TORCH'S FLAMING FORM WAS BLISTERING."



"THE DEATH OF THE RED SKULL WAS NOT CAPTURED ON FILM, BUT THE IMAGE OF HIS FALLEN FORM, WITH HIS LONG-TIME ENEMY STANDING OVER HIM, WAS BROADCAST AROUND THE WORLD LAST NIGHT..."



"...AS WAS THE MOST AMAZING PART OF THIS WHOLE WEEK."

"WHEN THIS MORNING, CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY EMERGED FROM A BUNKER UNDER THE CITY..."



"...WITH THE FÜHRER HIMSELF IN THEIR CUSTODY."



YES, ADOLF HITLER, LEADER OF THE THIRD REICH, THE WORST MASS MURDERER IN MODERN HISTORY, WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE NOW, FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE.

IT'S TRULY A GREAT DAY IN BERLIN, A DAY THIS REPORTER, FOR ONE, OFTEN WONDERED IF HE'D LIVE TO SEE.







--THERE  
T'WATCH HIM FIGHT  
THE RED SKULL ON  
THAT ROOFTOP IN  
BERLIN.

SAW, CLEAR  
AS DAY, THAT NAZI  
COWARD JUMP TO HIS  
OWN DEATH WHEN HE  
REALIZED HE HAD NO  
WAY OUT.



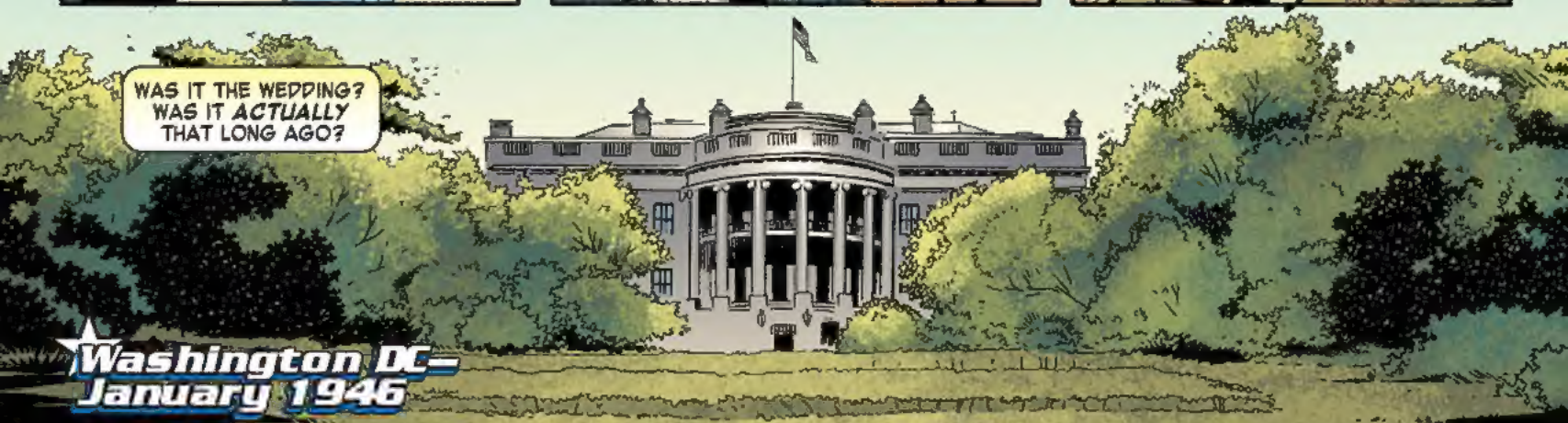
THESE KIDS TODAY, THEY DON'T  
UNDERSTAND. EVERYONE'S SPECIAL  
NOW, EVERYONE'S A MUTANT OR  
A SUPER HERO...

BUT  
BACK THEN,  
GUYS LIKE CAP,  
THEY WERE A  
RARE BREED...



...AND  
THEY WON  
THAT DAMN  
WAR FOR  
US.

DUM DUM DUGAN...  
HAVEN'T SEEN HIM  
SINCE, WHEN...?



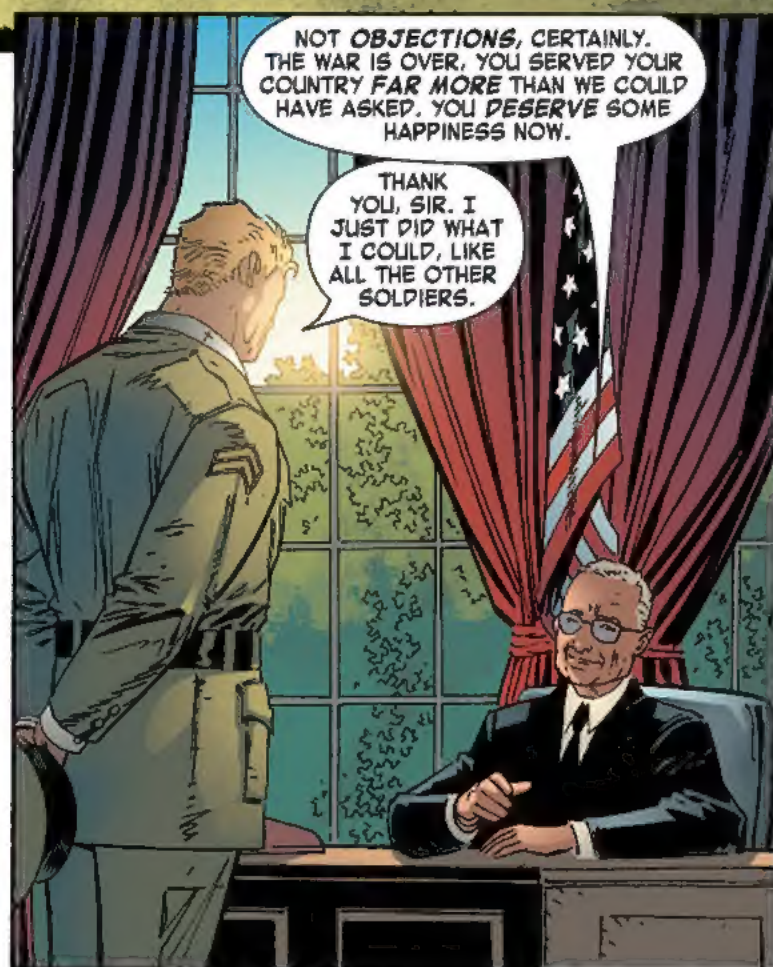
WAS IT THE WEDDING?  
WAS IT ACTUALLY  
THAT LONG AGO?

★**Washington DC-**  
**January 1946**



I HEAR  
THROUGH THE  
GRAPEVINE THAT  
YOU'RE THINKING  
OF GETTING  
MARRIED, CORPORAL  
ROGERS? IS THAT  
CORRECT?

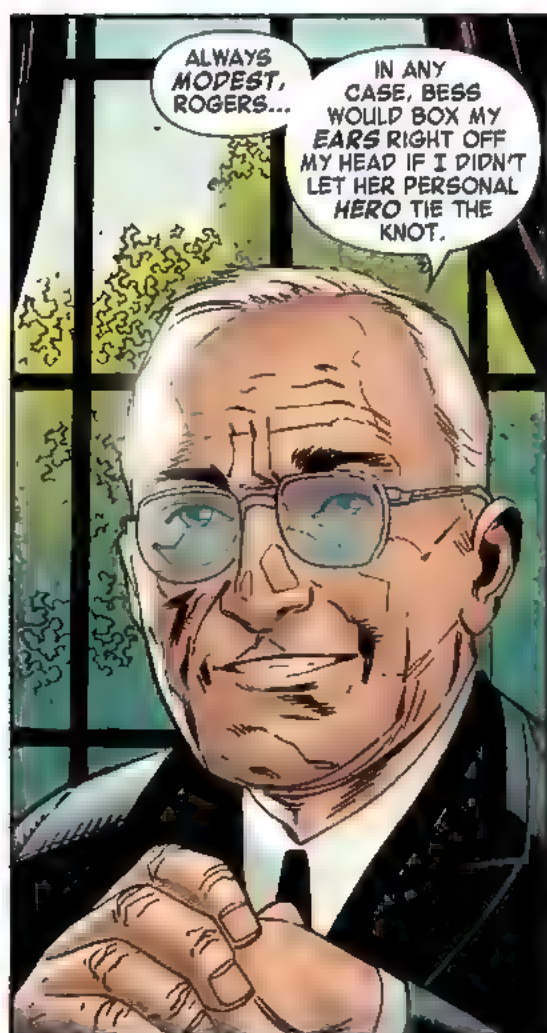
YES  
SIR, MISTER  
PRESIDENT, ASSUMING  
THAT YOU HAVE NO  
OBJECTIONS,  
SIR.



NOT OBJECTIONS, CERTAINLY.  
THE WAR IS OVER, YOU SERVED YOUR  
COUNTRY FAR MORE THAN WE COULD  
HAVE ASKED. YOU DESERVE SOME  
HAPPINESS NOW.

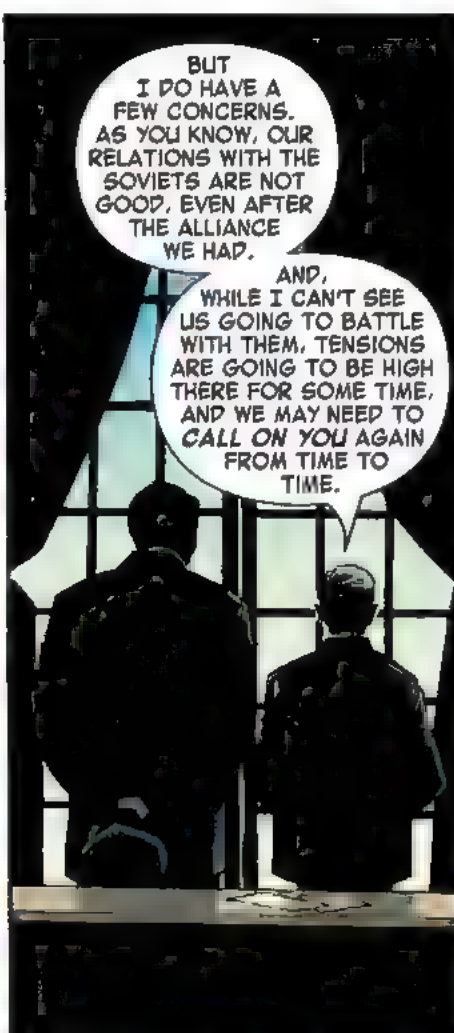
THANK  
YOU, SIR. I  
JUST DID WHAT  
I COULD, LIKE  
ALL THE OTHER  
SOLDIERS.





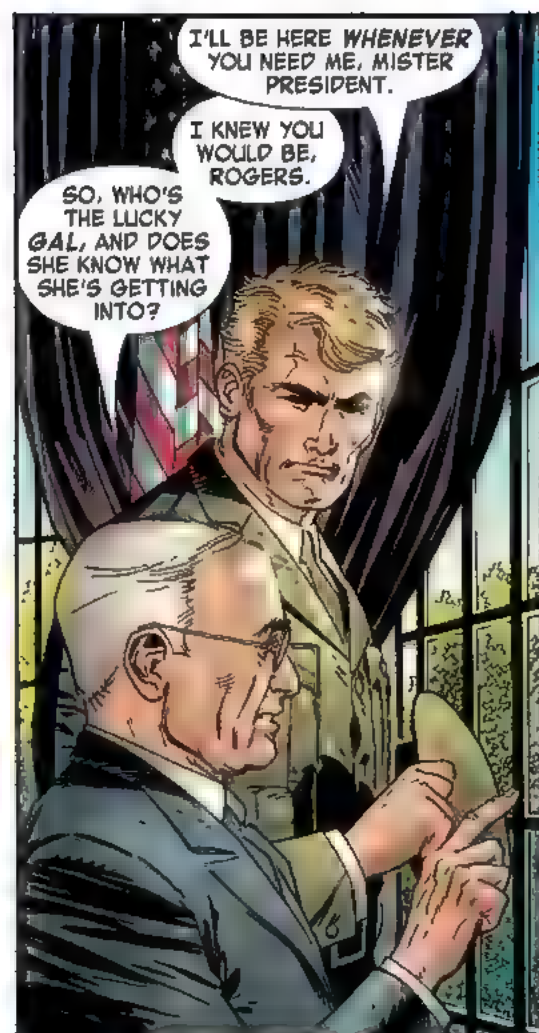
ALWAYS  
MODEST,  
ROGERS...

IN ANY  
CASE, BESS  
WOULD BOX MY  
EARS RIGHT OFF  
MY HEAD IF I DIDN'T  
LET HER PERSONAL  
HERO TIE THE  
KNOT.



BUT  
I DO HAVE A  
FEW CONCERNS.  
AS YOU KNOW, OUR  
RELATIONS WITH THE  
SOVIETS ARE NOT  
GOOD, EVEN AFTER  
THE ALLIANCE  
WE HAD.

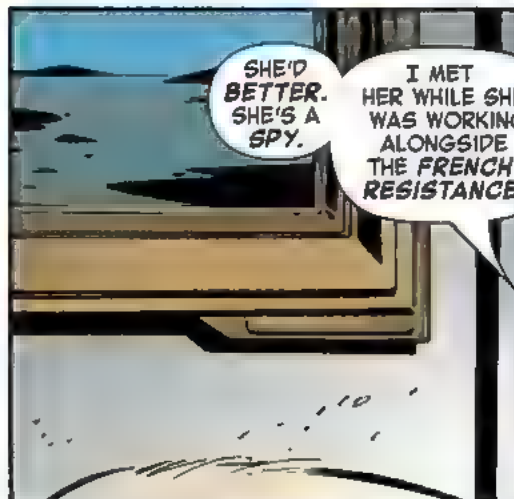
AND,  
WHILE I CAN'T SEE  
US GOING TO BATTLE  
WITH THEM, TENSIONS  
ARE GOING TO BE HIGH  
THERE FOR SOME TIME,  
AND WE MAY NEED TO  
CALL ON YOU AGAIN  
FROM TIME TO  
TIME.



I'LL BE HERE WHENEVER  
YOU NEED ME, MISTER  
PRESIDENT.

I KNEW YOU  
WOULD BE,  
ROGERS.

SO, WHO'S  
THE LUCKY  
GAL, AND DOES  
SHE KNOW WHAT  
SHE'S GETTING  
INTO?



SHE'D  
BETTER.  
SHE'S A  
SPY.

I MET  
HER WHILE SHE  
WAS WORKING  
ALONGSIDE  
THE FRENCH  
RESISTANCE.



WELL  
THEN, I WISH  
YOU BOTH  
LUCK.

NOW,  
COME WALK  
IN THE GARDEN  
WITH ME...



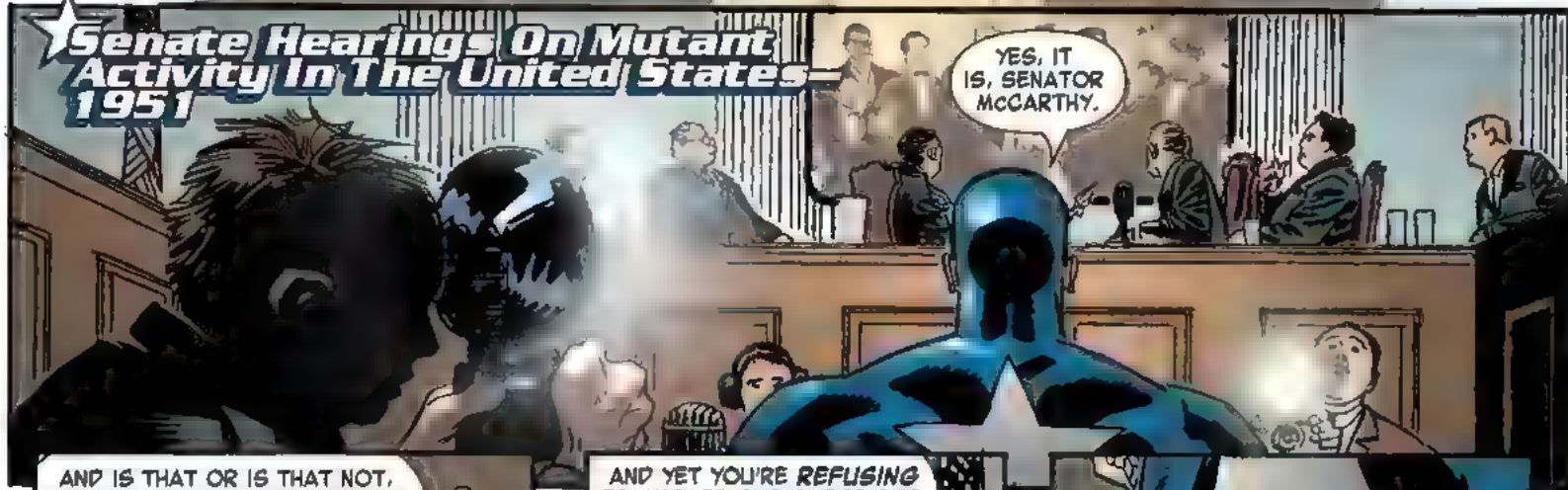
...I WANT TO TALK TO  
YOU ABOUT THESE  
MUTANTS I'VE  
BEEN HEARING  
ABOUT.





IS THIS, OR  
IS THIS NOT, A  
PHOTOGRAPH FROM  
YOUR WEDDING,  
CAPTAIN?

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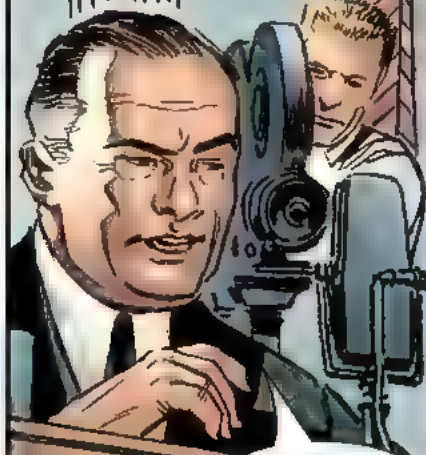


YES, IT  
IS, SENATOR  
MCCARTHY.

AND IS THAT OR IS THAT NOT,  
PRINCE NAMOR, THE SUB-MARINER  
AS HE WAS KNOWN DURING  
THE WAR, STANDING NOT TWO  
FEET AWAY FROM YOUR  
BRIDE?

THAT'S  
NAMOR  
RIGHT NEXT  
TO PEGGY,  
YES.

AND YET YOU'RE REFUSING  
TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS  
ABOUT THIS...MUTANT.



WHILE  
CLEARLY YOU'VE  
MAINTAINED A  
FRIENDSHIP WITH  
HIM BEYOND YOUR  
MISSIONS TOGETHER  
DURING THE WAR.



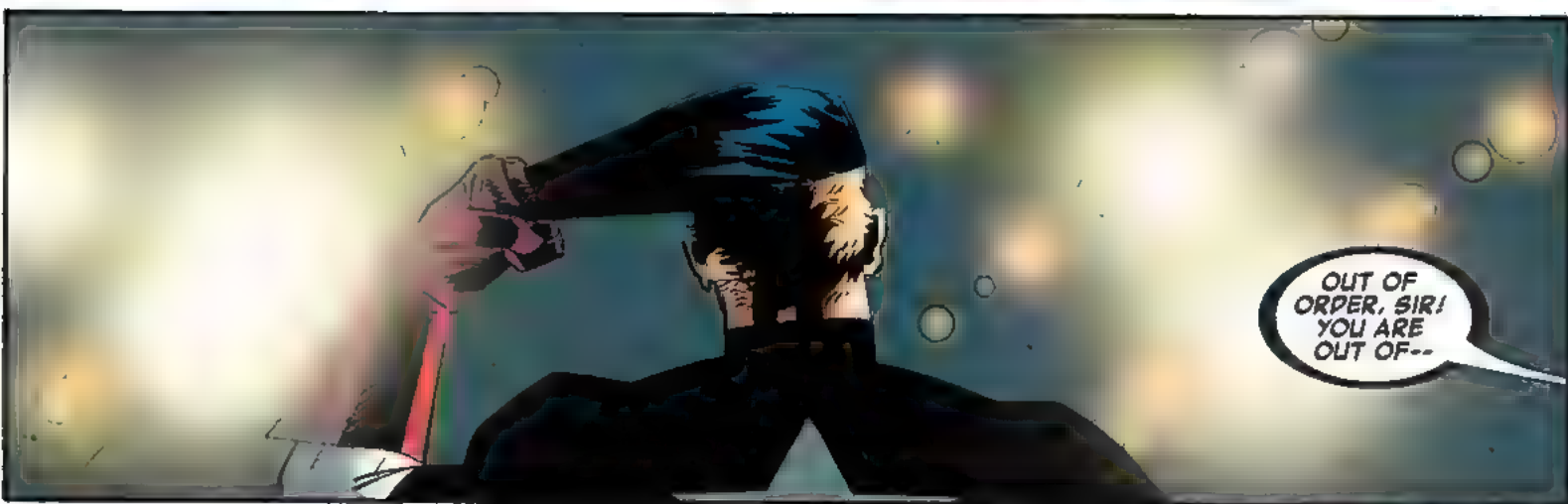
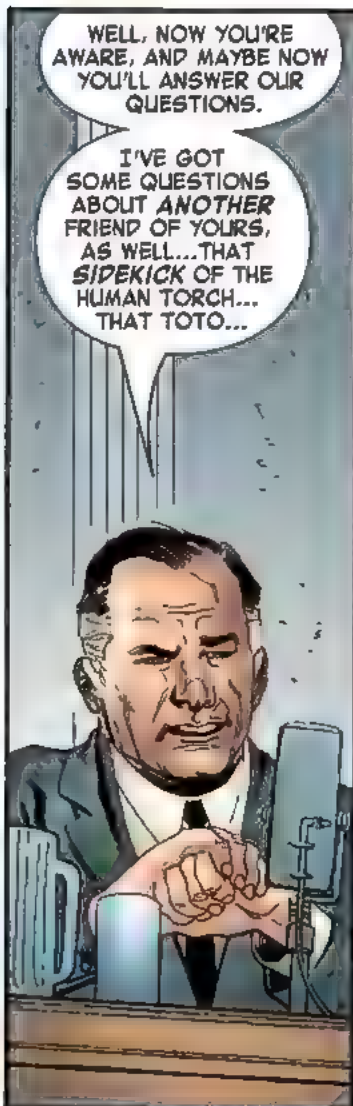
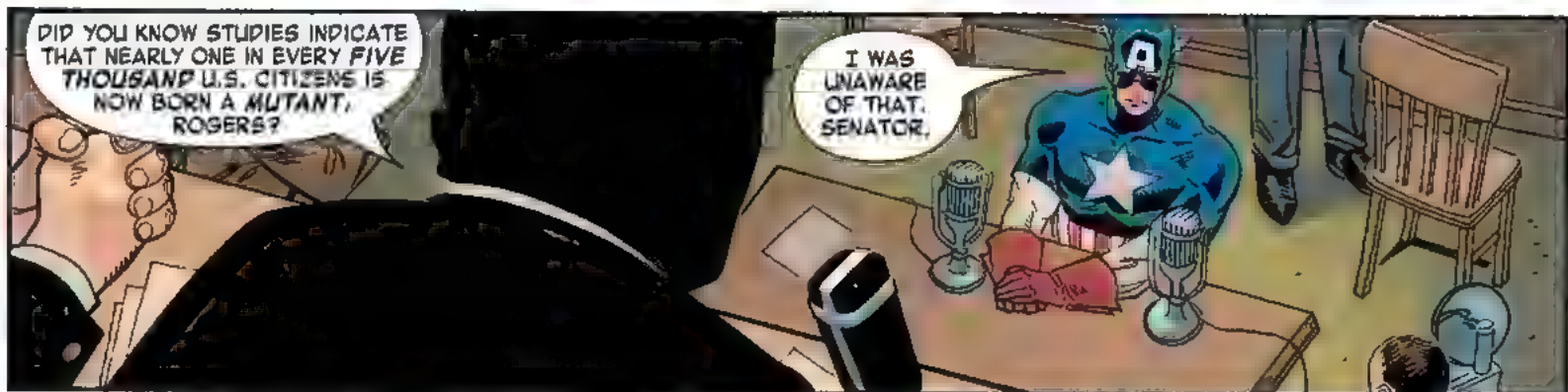
I'M NOT  
ENTIRELY CLEAR WHY  
I'M BEING QUESTIONED  
ABOUT NAMOR AT ALL,  
SENATOR. MAYBE THAT'S  
THE PROBLEM?



YOU'RE  
OUT OF ORDER,  
CAPTAIN. WE'RE ASKING  
THE QUESTIONS HERE,  
NOT YOU.

NOW,  
UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN  
SLEEPING THROUGH THE  
LAST SEVERAL YEARS, YOU'LL  
HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS OF  
MUTANT ACTIVITY IN  
THIS COUNTRY...



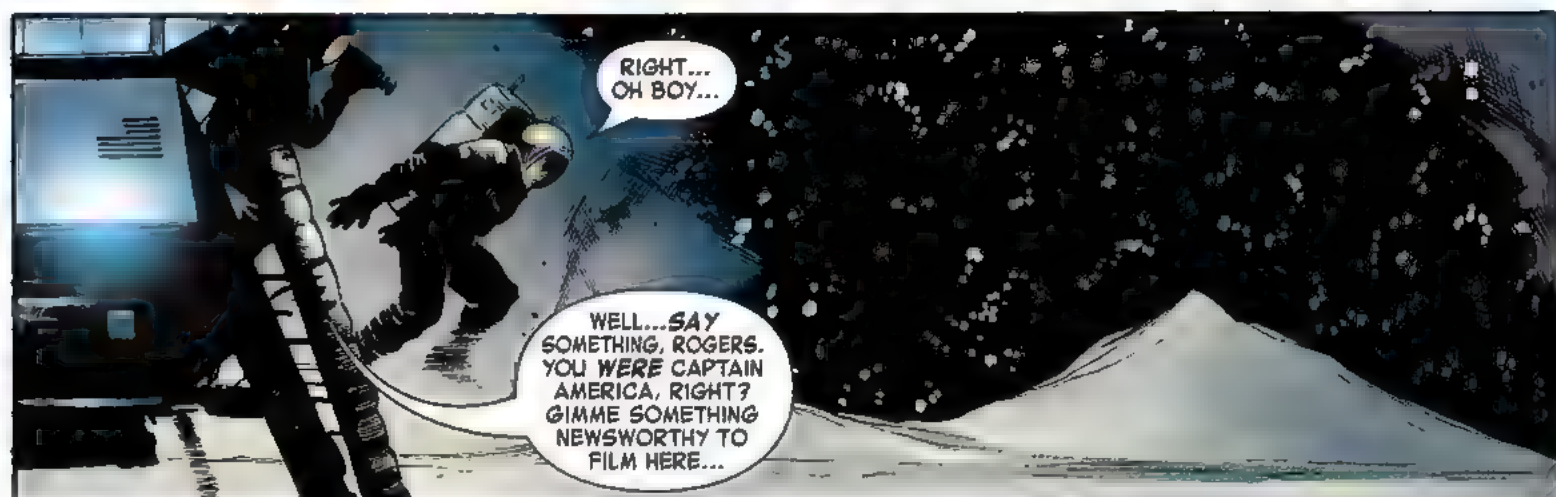






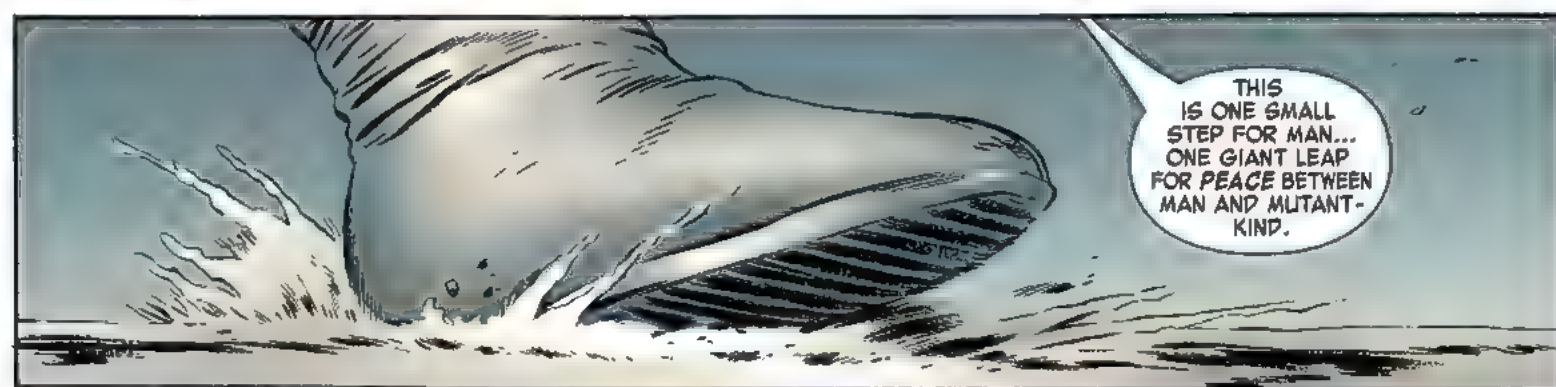
ASTRO-5  
HAS LANDED...  
WE HAVE LUNAR  
CONTACT.

YOU  
ARE GO FOR  
LUNAR WALK,  
COLONEL  
ROGERS...

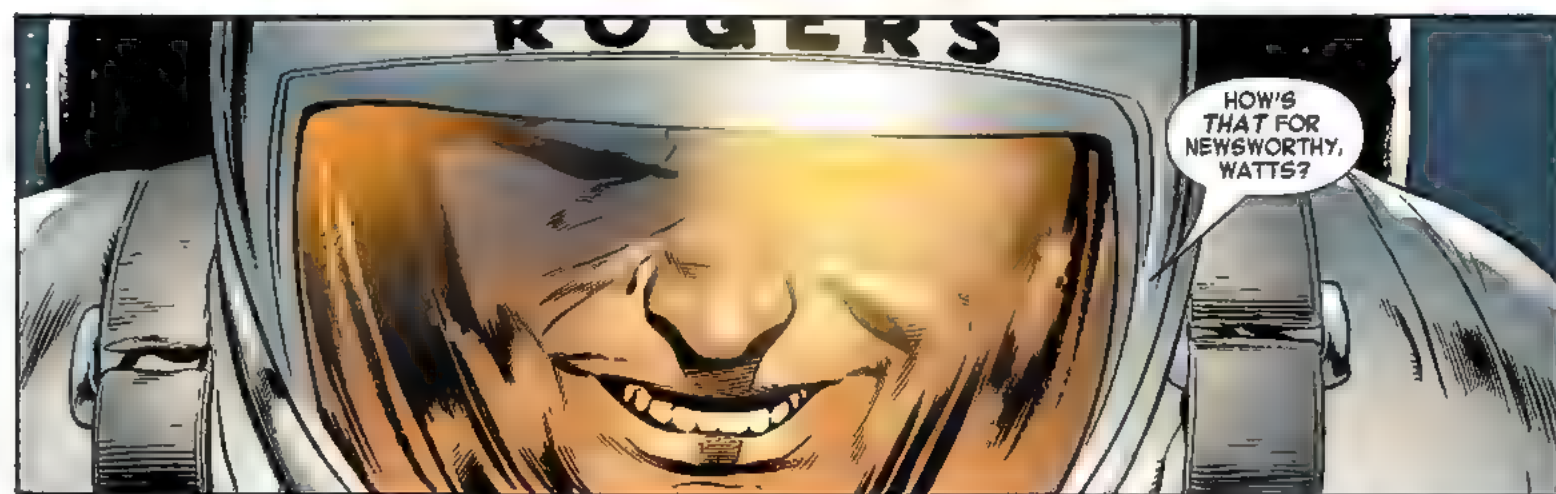


RIGHT...  
OH BOY...

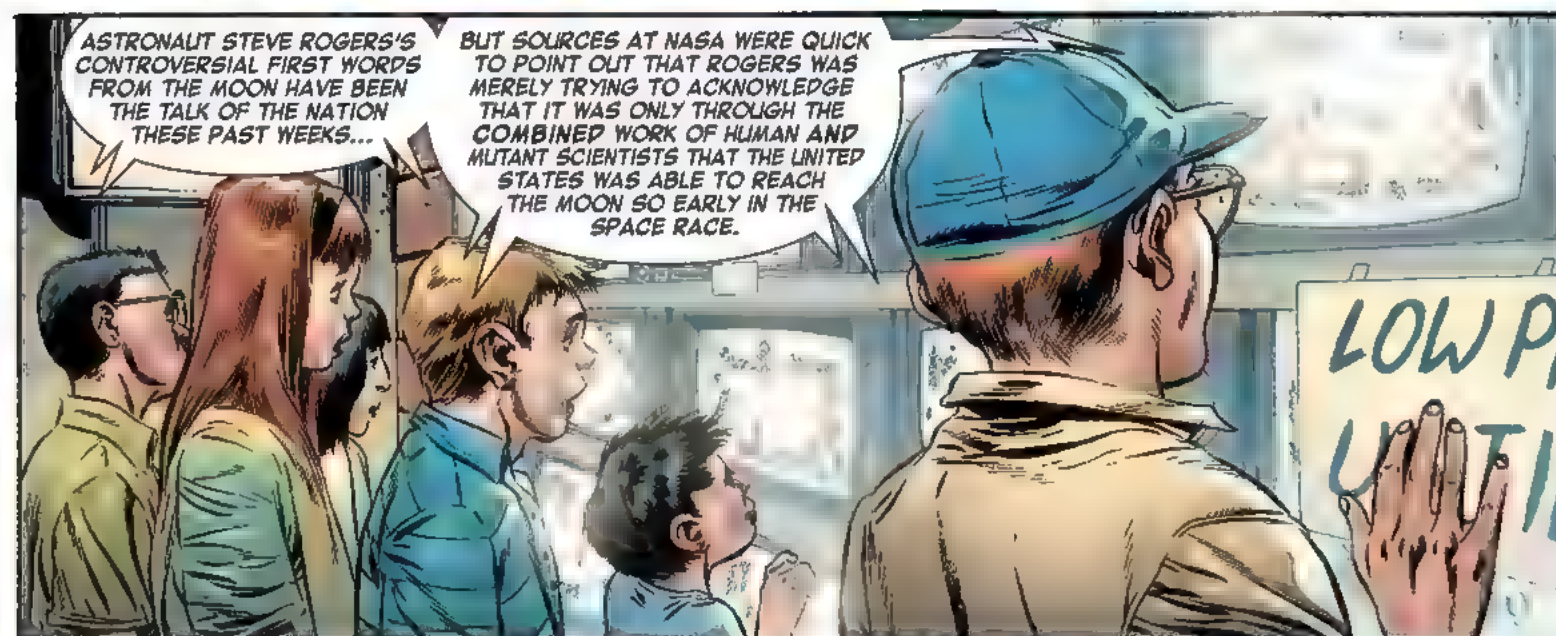
WELL...SAY  
SOMETHING, ROGERS.  
YOU WERE CAPTAIN  
AMERICA, RIGHT?  
GIMME SOMETHING  
NEWSWORTHY TO  
FILM HERE...



THIS  
IS ONE SMALL  
STEP FOR MAN...  
ONE GIANT LEAP  
FOR PEACE BETWEEN  
MAN AND MUTANT-  
KIND.



HOW'S  
THAT FOR  
NEWSWORTHY,  
WATTS?

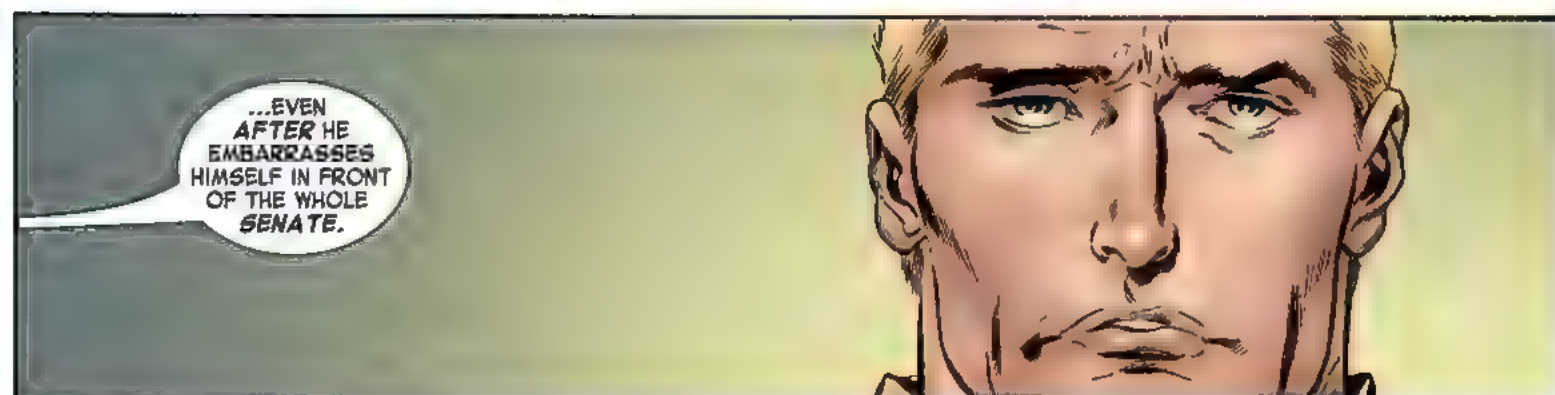
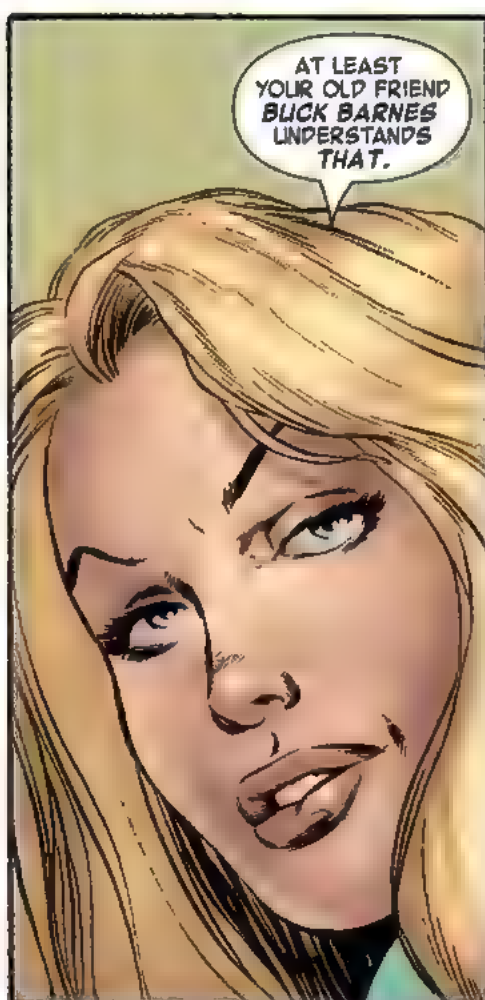
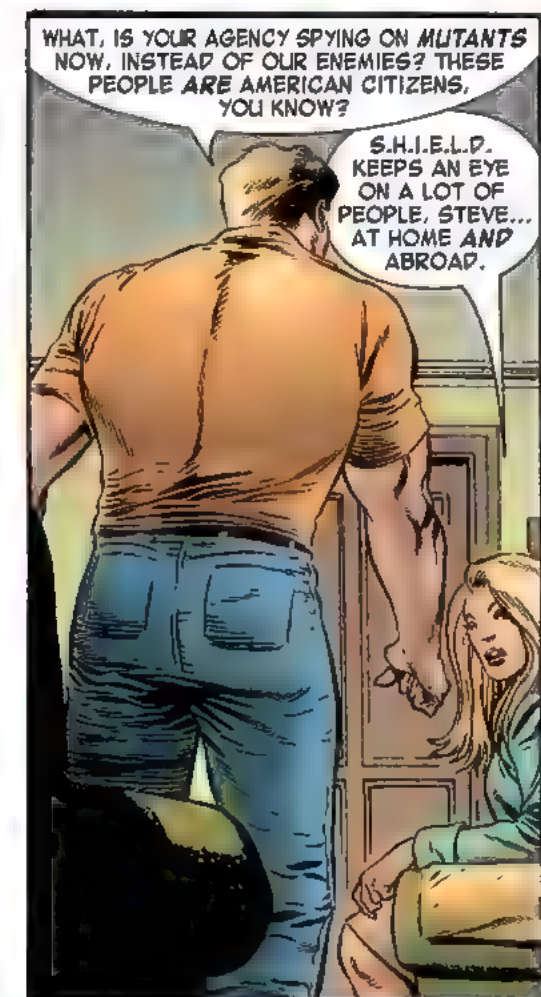
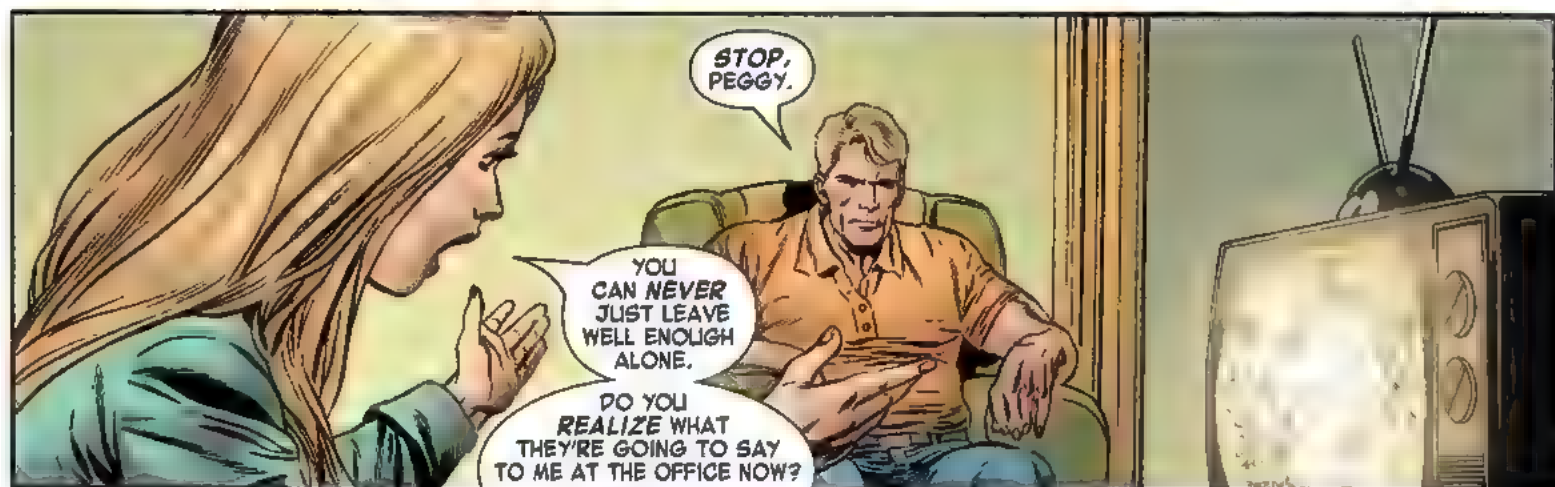
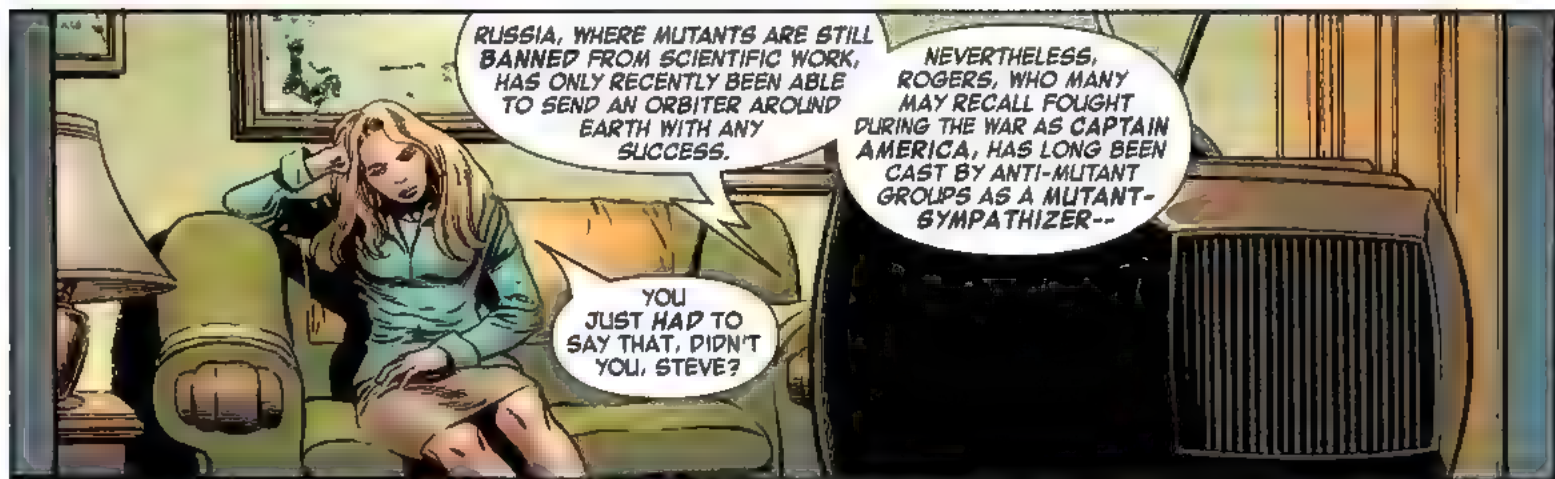


ASTRONAUT STEVE ROGERS'S  
CONTROVERSIAL FIRST WORDS  
FROM THE MOON HAVE BEEN  
THE TALK OF THE NATION  
THESE PAST WEEKS...

BUT SOURCES AT NASA WERE QUICK  
TO POINT OUT THAT ROGERS WAS  
MERELY TRYING TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
THAT IT WAS ONLY THROUGH THE  
COMBINED WORK OF HUMAN AND  
MUTANT SCIENTISTS THAT THE UNITED  
STATES WAS ABLE TO REACH  
THE MOON SO EARLY IN THE  
SPACE RACE.

LOW P  
UNTIL







**New York City—  
1957**

...I WOULD'VE THOUGHT  
YOU TWO'D GO THE  
DISTANCE.

ME TOO, BUCK...IT'S JUST, THINGS  
CHANGE. SHE NEVER WANTED  
TO BE AN ASTRONAUT'S  
WIFE.

I WAS  
SORRY TO  
HEAR ABOUT  
YOU AND  
PEGGY...

BAR

AND SHE WAS NEVER TOO  
THRILLED WITH THE WAY  
I GAVE UP THE MASK,  
EITHER.

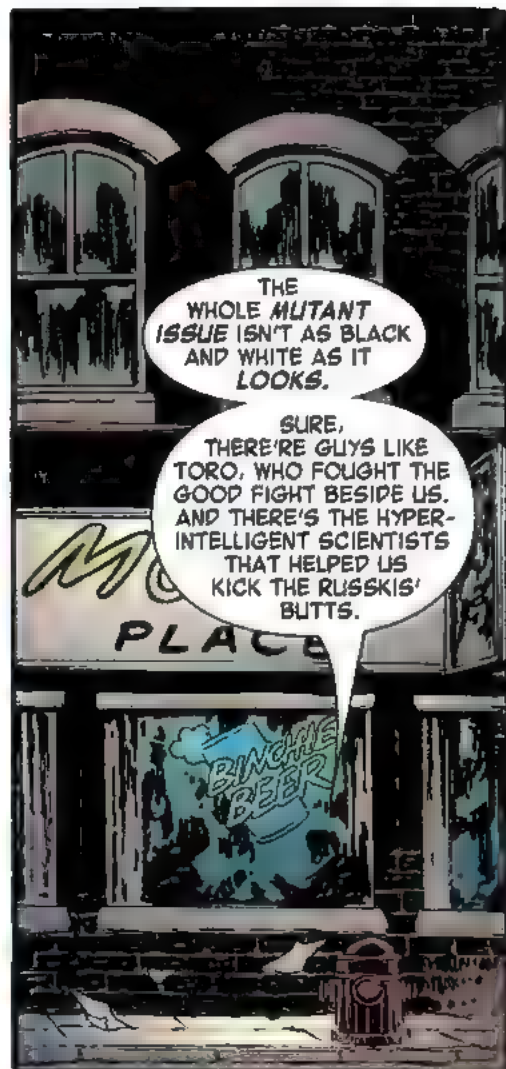
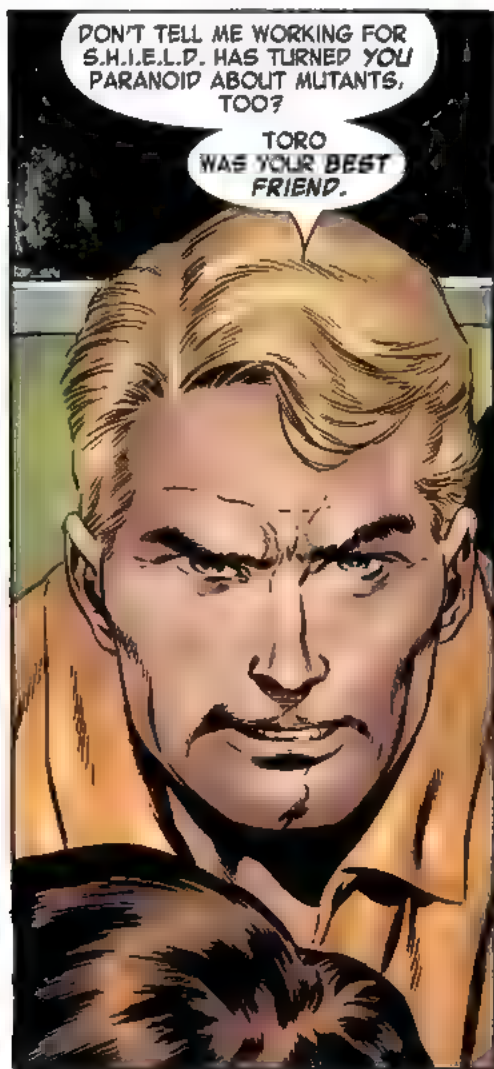
THAT SHOCKED A LOT  
OF PEOPLE, STEVE,  
ME INCLUDED. I  
TOLD YOU THAT  
THEN...

SURE,  
BUT WHAT WOULD  
YOU HAVE DONE IF  
THEY ASKED YOU TO  
TESTIFY AGAINST  
TORO FOR SIMPLY  
BEING WHO  
HE IS?

I DON'T KNOW. PROBABLY  
THE SAME THING YOU DID...  
BUT IT'S HARD TO  
SAY...

LUCKILY,  
THEY DIDN'T  
ASK ME.



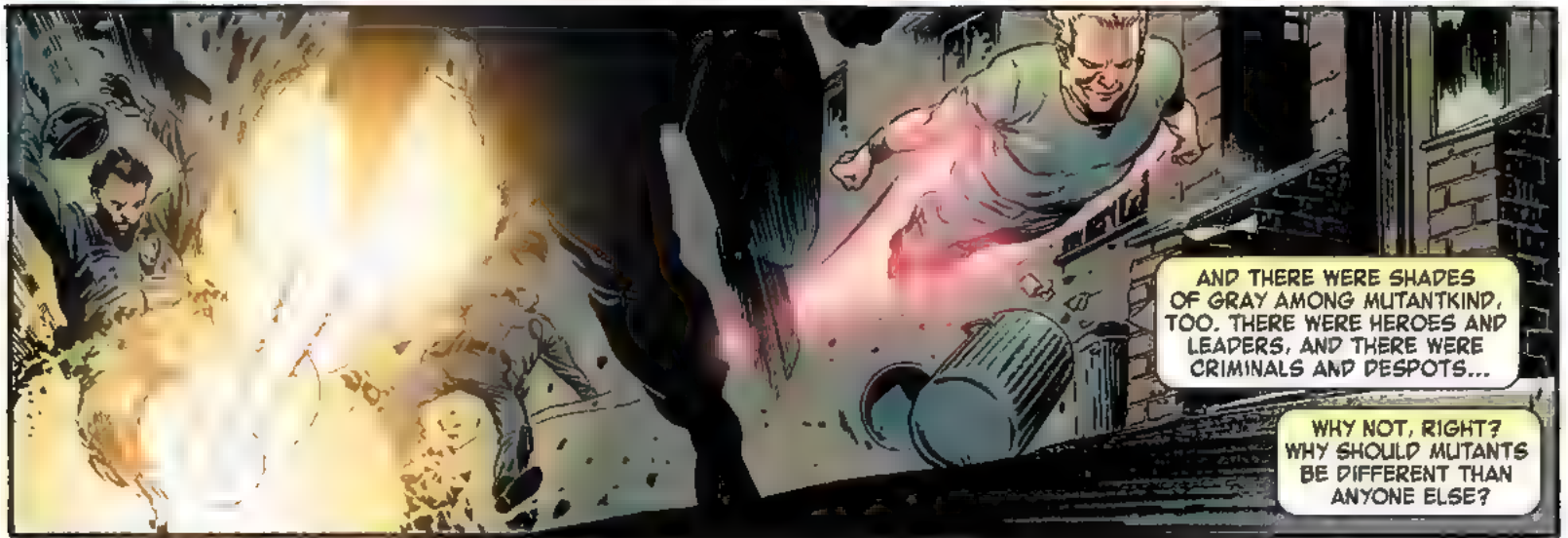






AND OF COURSE, AS THE DECADES PASSED, BUCK'S WORDS STAYED WITH ME... AND THERE WAS A LOT OF TRUTH IN THEM.

THE MUTANT ISSUE WASN'T BLACK AND WHITE...IT WAS ABOUT POLITICS AND PREJUDICE AND FEAR...IT WAS ABOUT SHADES OF GRAY.



AND THERE WERE SHADES OF GRAY AMONG MUTANTKIND, TOO. THERE WERE HEROES AND LEADERS, AND THERE WERE CRIMINALS AND DESPOTS...

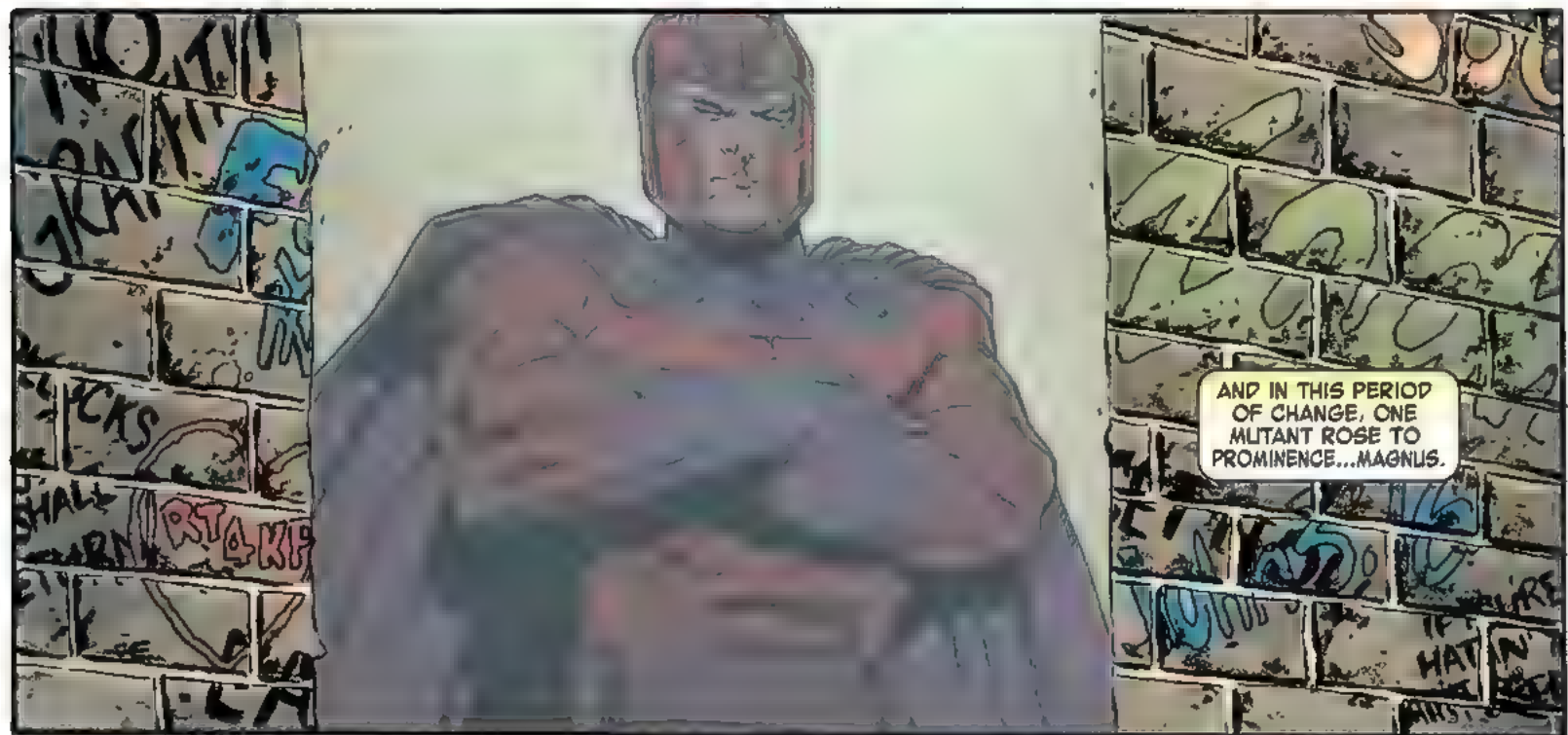
WHY NOT, RIGHT? WHY SHOULD MUTANTS BE DIFFERENT THAN ANYONE ELSE?



AND WHILE I SPOKE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, COLOR, OR GENETICS...

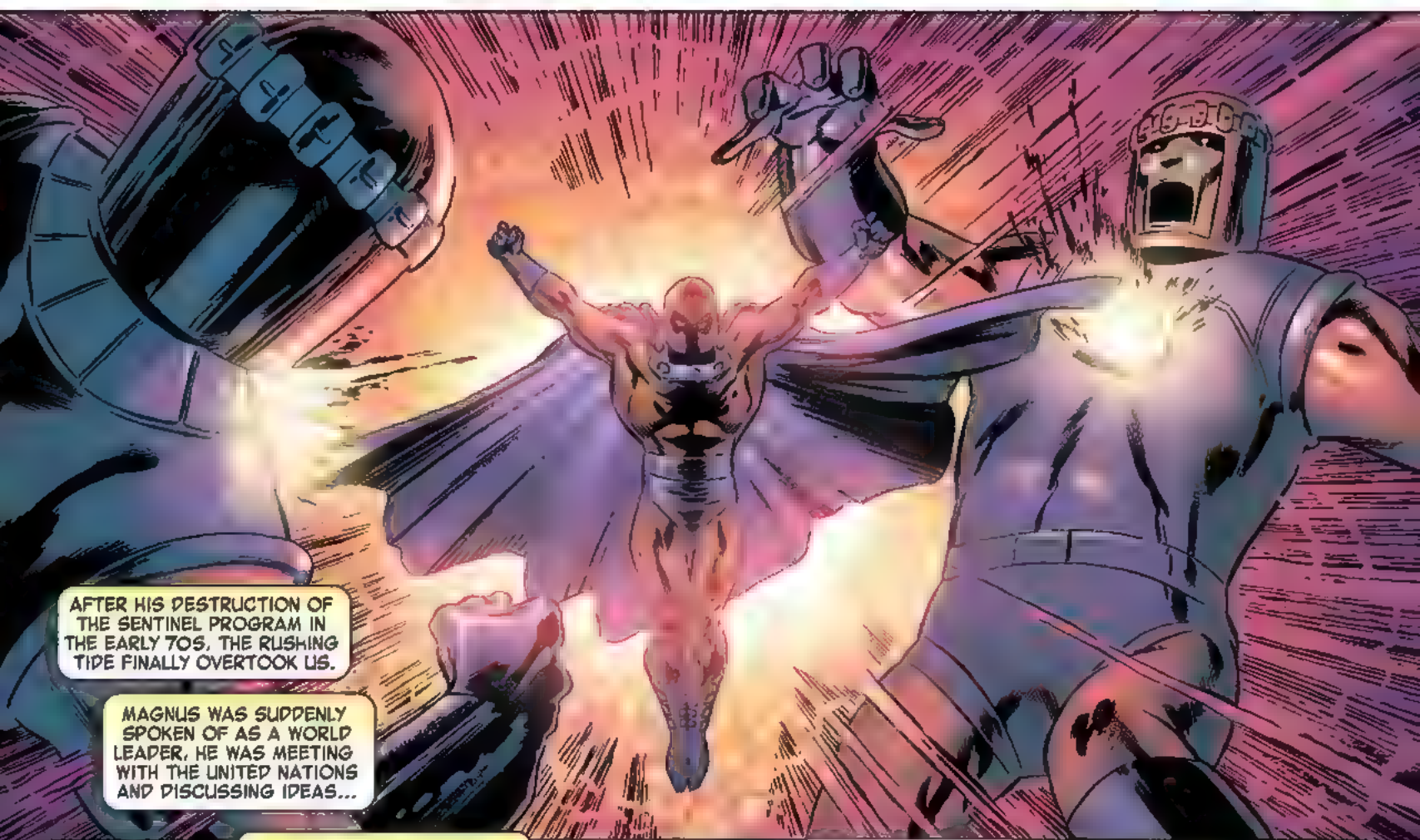
I ALSO BORE WITNESS TO A CHANGING WORLD, AS THE MUTANT POPULATION EXPLOSION BECAME SOMETHING UNDENIABLE.

REGARDLESS OF HOW MANKIND FELT, IT WAS CLEAR WE WOULD SOON BE A MINORITY...



AND IN THIS PERIOD OF CHANGE, ONE MUTANT ROSE TO PROMINENCE...MAGNUS.





AFTER HIS DESTRUCTION OF THE SENTINEL PROGRAM IN THE EARLY 70S, THE RUSHING TIDE FINALLY OVERTOOK US.

MAGNUS WAS SUDDENLY SPOKEN OF AS A WORLD LEADER. HE WAS MEETING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND DISCUSSING IDEAS...

...AND MAYBE IT WAS THE STUBBORN OLD WARHORSE IN ME, BUT MAGNUS'S VISION OF THE FUTURE, HIS IDEAS FOR PEACE, THEY DIDN'T SIT WELL WITH ME. AND PERHAPS FOOLISHLY, I SAID SO...

--WE'RE WATCHING AS LEADERS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE FALLING INTO LINE, FALLING ALL OVER THEMSELVES TO AGREE WITH MAGNUS...



YOU ALL KNOW THAT I BEAR NO ILL-WILL TOWARD MUTANTS...I JUDGE MAN AND MUTANT ALIKE BY THEIR DEEDS AND THEIR WORDS...

AND I TELL YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW, THAT IN MAGNUS'S WORDS I HEAR ECHOES OF MEN I'VE FACED BEFORE, MEN LIKE MUSSOLINI AND STALIN...



...MEN LIKE HITLER!

I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SURPRISED WHEN I WAS FORCED TO TAKE AN EARLY RETIREMENT FROM THE AIR FORCE SOON AFTER THAT SPEECH.



IT TURNED OUT THAT MAGNUS HAD ALREADY GOTTEN MUCH FARTHER INSIDE THE SYSTEM THAN ANYONE REALIZED, AND DISSENT WAS NOT GOING TO BE TOLERATED...





IT'S AMAZING HOW QUICKLY  
THE WORLD CAN PASS YOU BY,  
CAN MAKE YOU IRRELEVANT.

FROM THEN ON, THE ONLY PEOPLE  
INTERESTED IN TALKING TO ME WERE  
THE RADICAL HUMAN-SEPARATIST  
MOVEMENTS, AND I WANTED  
NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.

IT WASN'T ABOUT KEEPING  
MUTANTS AND HUMANS APART,  
IT WAS ABOUT MAKING SURE  
THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE WEREN'T  
SELLING US OUT...BUT NO  
ONE WOULD LISTEN.

IN THE LATE 70S, WHEN BUCKY  
WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF  
DUTY, I WAS NOT ALLOWED  
TO SPEAK AT HIS FUNERAL.

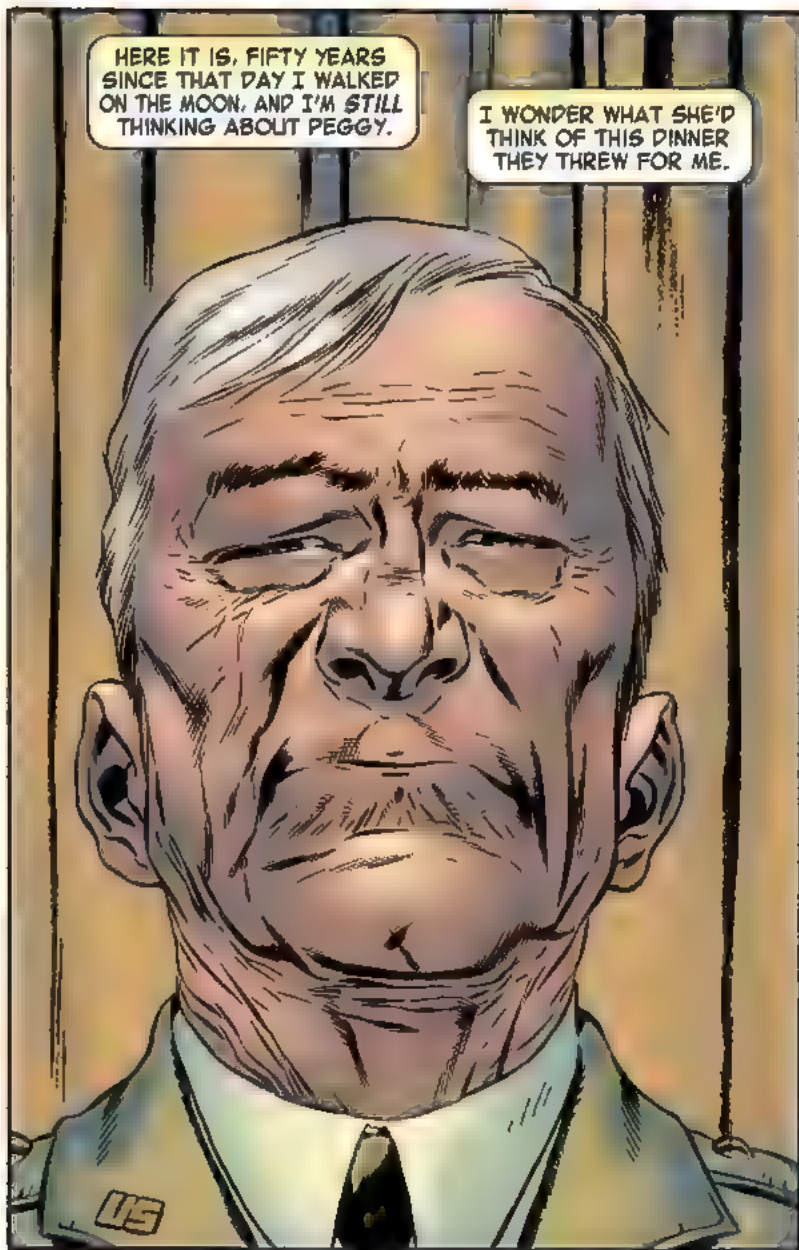
I WAS NEVER EVEN TOLD THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS DEATH,  
THOUGH READING BETWEEN THE  
LINES, IT SEEMED CLEAR IT  
HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH A  
S.H.I.E.L.D. OP ON GENOSHA.



AND S.H.I.E.L.D. WOULD  
SOON BE YET ANOTHER  
ARM OF MAGNUS'S WORLD,  
WHICH I DOUBT BUCK  
WOULD'VE FOUND IRONIC.

MAYBE IT WAS  
ALREADY STARTING  
THEN...PEGGY WASN'T  
EVEN AT THE FUNERAL...



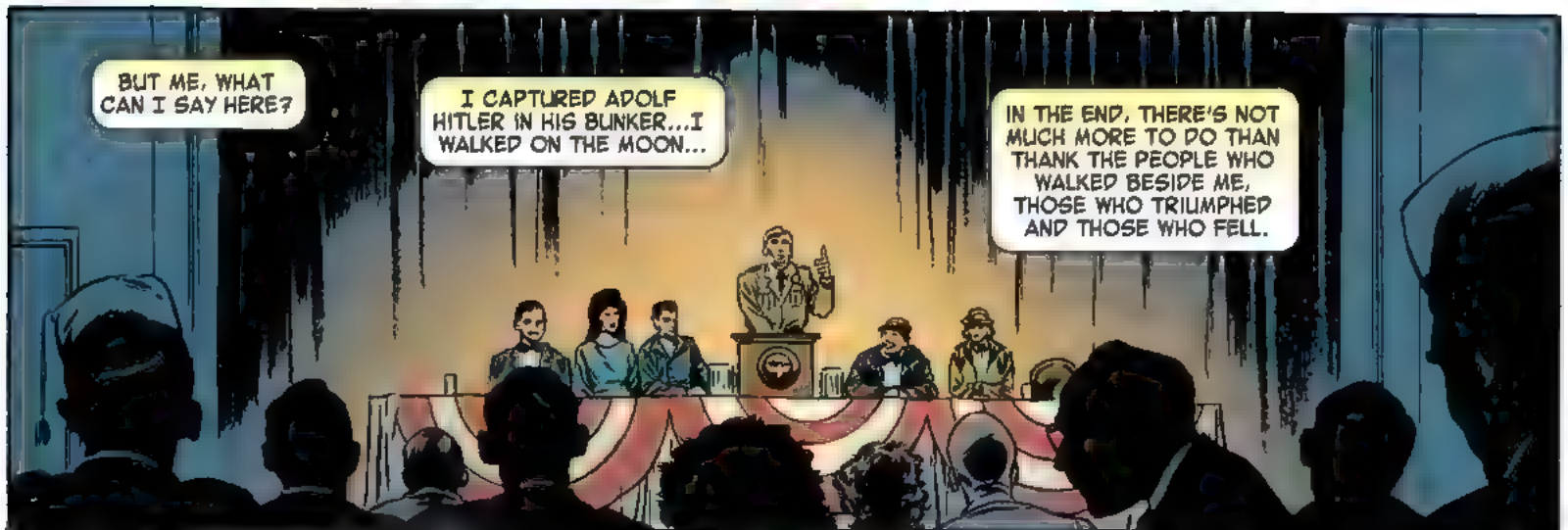


HERE IT IS, FIFTY YEARS  
SINCE THAT DAY I WALKED  
ON THE MOON, AND I'M STILL  
THINKING ABOUT PEGGY.

I WONDER WHAT SHE'D  
THINK OF THIS DINNER  
THEY THREW FOR ME.



PROBABLY WOULDN'T  
BE TOO IMPRESSED--  
THOUGH AT LEAST  
NAMOR'S SON SHOWED  
UP. SHE'D'VE LIKED  
TO MEET HIM, I BET.



BUT ME, WHAT  
CAN I SAY HERE?

I CAPTURED ADOLF  
HITLER IN HIS BUNKER...I  
WALKED ON THE MOON...

IN THE END, THERE'S NOT  
MUCH MORE TO DO THAN  
THANK THE PEOPLE WHO  
WALKED BESIDE ME,  
THOSE WHO TRIUMPHED  
AND THOSE WHO FELL.

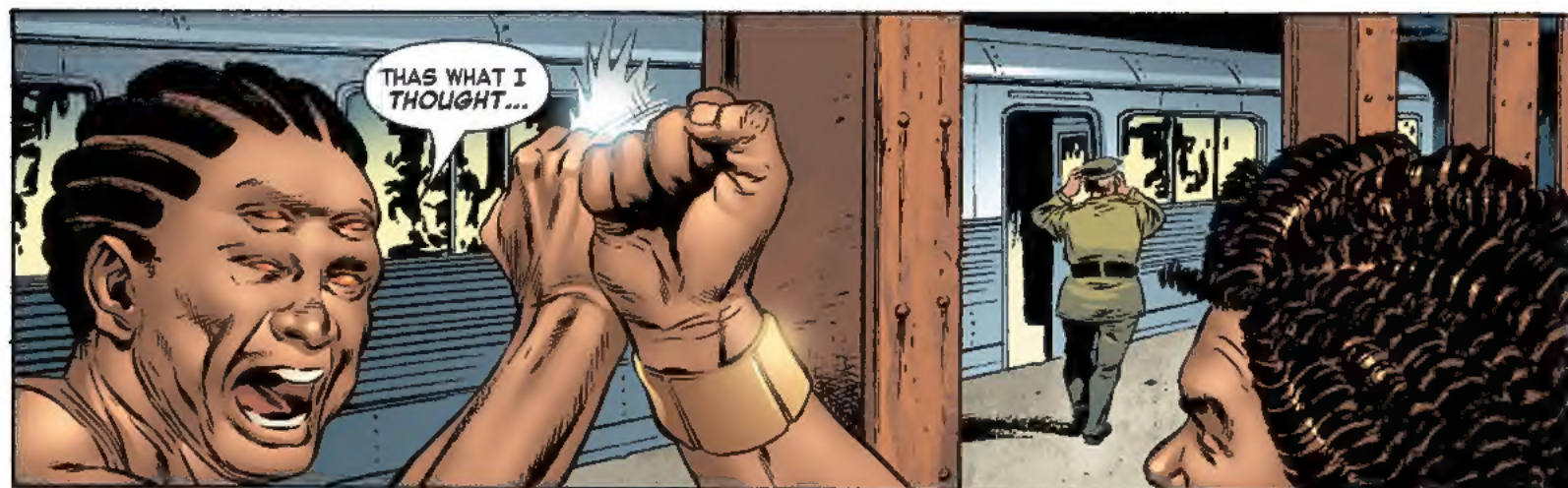


ALL THE REST  
ARE JUST LEAVES  
SCATTERED  
TO THE WINDS  
OF HISTORY...

















**EMPIRE**